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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND CUBA

REF: A. SD 3171; B. STATE 109629; C. SD 2184

1. DURING THE CONVERSATION DESCRIBED REF A, I MENTIONED US AND LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT SEVERAL LA COUNTRIES, PRINCIPALLY COSTA RICA, GUATEMALA AND PANAMA, WERE PLANNING TO CONVOKE A HEMISPHERIC MEETING WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF LIFTING THE SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. I INQUIRED REGARDING THE GODR'S POSITION.

2. THE PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT SUCH ACTION SHOULD ONLY BE TAKEN UNANIMOUSLY OR AT THE LEAST AS THE RESULT OF A VERY BROAD CONSENSUS. HE HIMSELF FELT, HE SAID, THAT THE SANCTIONS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE LIFTED, BUT HE HAD NEVERTHELESS STEERED A GENERALLY NEUTRAL COURSE. HE PREFERRED NOT TO ANTAGONIZE CUBA AND MAKE HIS RELATIONS EVEN WORSE SINCE THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAD ALREADY EXPERIENCED SUBVERSIVE ACTS EMANATING FROM CUBA. HE THEN MENTIONED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT A LETTER FROM COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT ODUBER HAD ARRIVED IN THE PALACE (WHICH HE HAD NOT YET SEEN BUT ASSUMED WAS ON THE SUBJECT OF CUBA). HE SAID THAT AFTER HE HAD STUDIED THE LETTER HE WOULD WISH TO CONSULT WITH ME FURTHER ABOUT CUBA. HE ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD TAKE NO PRECIPITATE ACTION IN THE

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MATTER AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHED TO

THE QUESTION.

3. I REITERATED UNCHANGED US POLICY AND SAID THAT I WOULD
WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT FURTHER AND IN GREATER DETAIL
ON THE QUESTION OF CUBA.

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